Setting up of sericulture enterprises in Orissa

1011. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to generate employment opportunities in the backward Orissa, the State Government proposes to set up sericulture enterprises in the most backward KBK regions;

(b) whether this project is being implemented with financial help from Central Silk Board;

(c) if so, the progress so far made in execution of the project; and

(d) what is the action plan of the Centre to help this cash-strapped State in silk worm rearing with a view to provide employment to rural masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Both the Central Silk Board (CSB) and the State Government of Orissa have been implementing following projects in different districts of Orissa including the KBK region to provide gainful employment opportunities to sericulturists;

1. Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) in different sericultural areas of Orissa including KBK districts;
2. Tasar Eco Race Development Project in Similipal Biosphere of Mayurbhanj district.

(c) CSB has been implementing various schemes/components under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme *viz.* "Catalytic Development Programme" in collaboration with various state sericulture departments including Orissa state for promotion of silk industry in the country, during Tenth Plan. The components under the CDP envisage development and expansion of host plantation, development of farm infrastructure, upgradation of reeling and processing technologies in silk, enterprise development programme etc. CSB has spent/released Rs. 50.62 lakhs, Rs. 82.29 lakhs, Rs. 24.32 lakhs and Rs. 120.89 lakhs respectively during 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (upto January, 2006). The CDP has been under implementation in different districts of Orissa State including KBK districts.

A Modal Tasar Eco Race Development Project is being implemented in Mayurbhanj district at a total cost Rs. 2.60 crores which included CSB's share of Rs. 39.13 lakh. CSB has so far released Rs. 34.23 lakhs mainly towards purchase of seed cocoons, transportation, establishment of base unit and organization of camps in the project areas. The project has helped to conserve the modal eco race population and supported the local rearers to harvest quality tasar cocoons without disturbing the forest ecology.

(d) The CSB would continue these shemes/projects in collaboration with the State Government to cover more beneficiaries. The CSB has formulated a Special Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojagar Yojana (SGSY) Project for the development of tasar culture in the state at a total cost of Rs. 11.36 crores and submitted the proposal to the Ministry of Rural Development for financial assistance. The project would be implemented over a period of five years between 2006 and 2010. The project envisages to produce 70.14 MT tasar silk and 29.91 MT of eri spun silk through 3220 beneficiaries.

India's share in world's Textile Market

1012. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that world's market in Textile is $ 150 billion;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country produces 17% of the world's cotton;

(c) whether it would be possible for the country to capture a sizeable portion of world market in textiles, when China, the biggest player, will be constrained by quota system for next three years; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and India's likely share in percentage in the world market, indicating also the potential to generate new jobs with increasing textiles export?